



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/869,816	07/03/2001	Tatsuya Inokuchi	SONYJP 3.3-731	1346
530 7590 11/23/2010 LERNER, DAVID, LITTENBERG, KRUMHOLZ & MENTLIK 600 SOUTH AVENUE WEST WESTFIELD, NJ 07090			EXAMINER BAUM, RONALD	
			ART UNIT 2439	PAPER NUMBER
			MAIL DATE 11/23/2010	DELIVERY MODE PAPER

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

Lerner, David, Littenberg, Krumholz & Mentlik  
600 South Avenue West  
Westfield NJ 07090

In re Application of:

Inokuchi, et al.

Application No. 09/869816

Filed: July 3, 2001

For: Data Decoding Apparatus and Method,  
Charge Information Processing Apparatus  
and Method, Data Reproducing Apparatus  
and Method, Electronic Money, Electronic  
Use Right, Terminal Apparatus

DECISION TO WITHDRAW  
HOLDING OF  
ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on the request to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application mailed on September 28, 2010. Petitioner correctly feels that a timely response was filed.

On February 01, 2010, a notice of appeal was filed.

On February 01, 2010, a request for pre-appeal conference was also filed.

On April 16, 2010, a decision was mailed on the pre-appeal conference stating that it should proceed to the board. This letter explained the period for response is the later of one month from the mailing of this notice or 2 months from the notice of appeal.

Thus in this application the period for response of one month expired on May 16, 2010. Up to 5 months extension of time is possible for filing an appeal brief. Thus applicant had until October 16, 2010 to file a response.

On October 15, 2010 an appeal brief was filed with a 5 month extension of time. This was timely filed and in fact there was no abandonment for failure to file a response. **The Petition is Granted.**

For the above stated reasons, the Notice of Abandonment mailed on September 30, 2010 is hereby withdrawn. The application file is being forwarded to an examiner to issue an appropriate office action.

Tod Swann  
Workgroup Quality Assurance Specialist  
Technology Center 2400  
571-272-3612